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REF: (A) SECSTATE 167901, DTG 010215Z JUL 78  
(B) SECSTATE 182987, DTG 192201Z JUL 78

13. PARA 3(A) (13): FOLLOWING APPLIES FOR ALL LEVELS  
DESCRIBED BELOW:  
FMS (DEFENSE ARTICLES). SALES TOTAL ESTIMATED FOR FY79,  
PROJECTED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS ACTUAL SALES IS USED AS BASIS FOR  
CURRENT LEVEL PROJECTION.  
FMS (TRAINING). ESTIMATED FOR FY79 BASED ON ANTICIPATED SALES  
AS ONLY TWO LOW COST COURSES WERE PURCHASED IN FY78. DUE TO  
IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND GOI, INDICATIONS ARE  
THAT FMS TRAINING AMOUNTING UP TO DOLS 600K MAY BE PURCHASED  
IN FY79. THIS ESTIMATE IS USED AS BASIS FOR THE CURRENT LEVEL  
PROJECTION.  
IMET: FY79 FUNDING LEVEL USED AS BASIS FOR CURRENT LEVEL. ALL  
TRAINING PROPOSED IS FOR US SCHOOLS.  
PARA 3(A) (13) (A-E):

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LEVEL 1 (MINIMUM LEVEL)  
FMS (DEFENSE ARTICLES): LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR MAP.  
PROVIDED EQUIPMENT.  
FMS (TRAINING): FLIGHT SAFETY OFFICER AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION  
COURSES.  
IMET: 50 PERCENT OF CURRENT LEVEL.  
THIS LEVEL OF FMS WILL PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR C-119,

C-121 AIRCRAFT, PEACE SAPPHIRE RADAR AND PEACE INDIGO EQUIPMENT. THESE SALES MUST BE CONTINUED DUE TO PREVIOUS SUPPORT AGREEMENTS. THIS LEVEL OF FMS WOULD BE VIEWED BY GOI AS DISCRIMINATORY, UNLESS OFFSET BY SIMILAR REDUCTIONS IN THE REST OF THE SUBCONTINENT. FMS TRAINING WOULD PROVIDE DIRELY NEEDED TRAINING IN SUPPORT OF US PROVIDED EQUIPMENT.

IMET AT THIS LEVEL ALLOWS A LIMITED NUMBER OF OFFICERS FROM EACH SERVICE TO ATTEND HIGHLY VISIBLE CONUS PROFESSIONAL MILITARY, ADVANCED MANAGEMENT, AND ESSENTIAL SPECIALIZED TRAINING. THE SHARP DEPARTURE FROM THE ESTABLISHED IMET FUNDING TREND COULD BE RECEIVED BY THE INDIAN GOVT WITH CONSEQUENT COOLING OF RELATIONS. HOWEVER, THE POTENTIAL FOR CREATING A DELICATE POLITICAL SITUATION IS OF GREATER SIGNIFICANCE THAN ANY ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE INDIAN MILITARY SINCE TRAINING WOULD BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO INCLUDE THE SOVIET UNION. SOVIET INFLUENCE WOULD BECOME AN INCREASINGLY DOMINANT FACTOR WITH THE US PROVIDING NO ALTERNATIVES.

LEVEL 2 (INTERMEDIATE LEVEL):

FMS (DEFENSE ARTICLES): WOULD ALSO ACCOMMODATE JATO ROCKET BOOSTERS OR SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS.

FMS (TRAINING): ONE TEST PILOT COURSE PLUS COURSES IDENTIFIED IN LEVEL 1.

IMET: 75 PERCENT OF CURRENT LEVEL.

FMS AT THIS LEVEL WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DEFENSE ARTICLES PURCHASED IN THE PAST, AND SATISFY A DIRELY NEEDED REQUIREMENT FOR TEST PILOT TRAINING, FOR ESTABLISHING INDIGENEOUS CAPABILITY.

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CURRENTLY, ONLY ALTERNATIVE FOR THIS TRAINING IS A COURSE OFFERED BY FRANCE, WHICH IS INFERIOR IN QUALITY. INDICATIONS ARE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS TRAINING WOULD BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES, POSSIBLY THE SOVIET UNION, IF NOT PROVIDED BY US. IMETP AT THIS LEVEL WOULD SATISFY 50 PERCENT OF GOI'S IDENTIFIED REQUIREMENTS FOR FY80. THIS FUNDING LEVEL WOULD DENY MANY OFFICERS WHO ARE RISING TOWARDS POSITIONS OF FUTURE LEADERSHIP EXPOSURE TO US, AND GOI WOULD BE COMPELLED TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS ELSEWHERE RESULTING IN INCREASED DEPENDANCY ON OTHER COUNTRIES, NOTABLY THE SOVIET UNION. SUCH SUPPORT WOULD FALL CONSIDERABLY SHORT OF THE ESTABLISHED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR INDIA.

LEVEL 3 (CURRENT LEVEL):

FMS (DEFENSE ARTICLES). MAINTAIN FY79 LEVEL PROVIDED PURCHASES ARE CONSISTENT WITH US POLICY AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE ESTABLISHED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR INDIA.

FMS (TRAINING): PROVIDE ONE MORE TEST PILOT COURSE.

IMET: MAINTAINS FY79 FUNDING LEVEL OF 500K. FMS AT THIS LEVEL WOULD CONTINUE CURRENT LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR DEFENSE ARTICLES AND EXPEDITE DEVELOPING IN-COUNTRY CAPABILITY FOR TEST PILOT TRAINING. REQUIREMENTS, IF NOT SATISFIED BY US, WILL BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES RESULTING IN INCREASED DEPENDANCE ON OTHER COUNTRIES, NOTABLY THE SOVIET UNION. IMETP AT THIS LEVEL

WILL PROVIDE THE PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING MOST  
ESSENTIAL TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY, BUT STILL FALLS  
CONSIDERABLY SHORT OF GOI IDENTIFIED REQUIREMENTS AND FAILS  
TO PROVIDE INCREASED LEVEL OF TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
ESTABLISHED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR INDIA.

INCREMENTAL LEVEL A:

FMS (DEFENSE ARTICLES): INCREASE MODESTLY FROM CURRENT LEVEL,  
PROVIDED REQUIREMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH US POLICY AND  
SUPPORTIVE OF THE ESTABLISHED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR INDIA.

FMS TRAINING: 10 PERCENT INCREASE OVER CURRENT LEVEL.

IMET: 10 PERCENT INCREASE OVER CURRENT LEVEL.

ANY LEGITIMATE REQUIREMENTS NOT SATISFIED BY US OR THROUGH  
DIVERSIFICATION FROM US ALLIES WILL RESULT IN GOI RELIANCE ON  
SOVIET OR SOVIET BLOC SUPPORT. THESE LEVELS FOR FMS TRAINING

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AND IMET WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ESTABLISHED TRAINING GOALS  
AND OBJECTIVES FOR INDIA, AND WOULD CONTINUE CURRENTLY ES-  
TABLISHED TREND FOR IMETP INCREASES.

INCREMENTAL LEVEL B:

FMS (DEFENSE ARTICLES)- SAME AS INCREMENTAL LEVEL A.

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